

Volunteer Newsletter

Round Rock Public Library

!!!WE TREASURE OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!!

by Candy Moseley (Public Services)

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Many Happy Returns

May:

Shannon Darr
Donna Hennesy
Peg Honeycutt
Barbara Snook

June:

Rilla Chaka
Breane Crayton
Gerado Del Real
Celia Dominguez
Chris Greenwood
Glenda Morrison
Kayla Marinaro
Jerica Ray
Maureen Quinn

July:

Carole Capwell
Beyi Fih
Bonnie Horowitz
Barbara Moyer
Niti Singh

This past April 20th the staff of the library took an afternoon to show our favorite landlubbers how much we treasure them. We converted the meeting room into a pirate's cove of loot and made certain our table was laden with hardy food for the lads and lasses who help us navigate our sea of books.

Staff and volunteers settled into good conversation and shared laughs as we waited for the presentation of the awards. Rebecca opened by talking about the massive RFID project (please see David's article for more information on RFID). She focused on the positive impact volunteers

made both during the time we were closed and with the flood of books still needing to be tagged that flowed through the check in room in the days after.

Next I had the honor of handing out certificates to our PS volunteers while Chip gave the room a little background on each person and how they have helped our department and Virginia handed every volunteer a small box of treasures to take home. Pat Bonewitz and Virginia did the honors for the TS volunteers.

Dale had the privilege of recognizing Hal Gartlett as our 2009 Volunteer of the Year (who graciously accepted it and quietly declined to give a speech). Dale

also gave our sincere appreciation to The Friends of the Round Rock Public Library for their continued support.

It was amazing to see the smiles on the faces of all our volunteers - we truly treasure you all!



Summer Reading Program and Teen Volunteers

April and May is the time of year when the Youth Services Division begins to recruit teen volunteers to help with the Summer Reading Program. Our teens help man the Summer Reading desk, hand out packets and prizes. This year we are asking for teens to help with shelving too.



Teens work 1 or 2, 2-hours shifts, and with their help they cover the 72 hours a week that the Library is open. We appreciate our teens so much and to

show that appreciation we give them a Summer Reading T-shirt after their 2nd shift.

This year we are accepting applications online at: [Teen Volunteering for Summer Reading Program](#)

Successful applicants will be notified mid May and must attend one of our 2 orientations: June 7 6:30pm-8:30pm or June 8 10:00am-12:00pm.

Questions? Contact Jane Dance 512 218 7012

The Summer Reading Program would not be possible without the help we receive from **all** our

awesome teen volunteers including those teens that are with us through out the year . These teens perform heroic deeds in keeping materials re-shelved and in keeping the Library in order.

In recognition for all teen efforts, there is an appreciation party at in August with Pizza, Gaming and other Fun!

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our appreciation
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Get to Know Our Volunteers — Hal Garlett

Harold Garlett, better know as Hal, has been volunteering in Public Services since 2004. In between volunteering at U.T., playing golf frequently, gardening, traveling, and a little cooking (see the RRPL cookbook), he comes here twice a week. A **very** active retirement for a former Air Force officer and programmer/analyst from Utah, he still finds time to read!

What does he like best about volunteering?

"Looking at the little kids at story time [on] Wednesday mornings."

Does he volunteer anywhere else?

Yes, for the past several years Hal has worked University of Texas golf tournaments, specifically, the Morris Williams

Invitational and the Texas State Amateur Championship.

Where does he travel?

Well, he has a widely scattered family in Austin, Germany, Washington state, Louisiana, Utah and Arkansas. Just visiting family is "a cross-country adventure."

What does he read?

Hal primarily likes mysteries and romance. Well, that would be romance with mystery. Fellow volunteer, Joanne Rowen turned him onto Dixie Cash books.

Why did he move to here from Utah?

Hal primarily moved to Texas in order to be near his son who lives in Austin, and to play golf year round.

In Utah, they close the 'muni' golf courses in October and convert them to cross skiing trails for kids. At any rate, it didn't sound like Hal would have enjoyed golfing with an orange ball in the cold.

A few staff quotes:

"quiet" — "very dependable" — "incredibly precise"



Hal Garlett
2009 Volunteer of the Year

In a Nutshell by David E. Sharp (Public Services)



Erikka Miller

both been helping with tagging and scanning the adult nonfiction collection.

Erikka is no stranger to our library, as she has been volunteering with us since November 2008. She came in on Wednesday evenings to cart and shelf books. When asked what brought her to the library in a professional capacity, she an-

swered that she loved books and loved the people who came to the library. Favorite genres mentioned included science fiction, but she added "I'll read anything." I asked what sort of adventures might await her on the horizon of 'someday.' She said she may one day vacation across Europe.

Jordan is in his first experience working for a library. His early memories of storytimes and children's events are what brought him back to apply for the position. He believes that the library would be a 'cool place to work' - and it is. Favorite genres for Jordan include mystery and

science fiction. Adventures looming on the horizon may include a visit to New Zealand.

Feel free to track down one of these new employees and share an introduction to one another. We'd like them to have a chance to get to know you. We're happy to include them into this great library extended family, of which you are a major part. Here's looking forward to the roads ahead.



Jordan Rosenthal

Rockssane & Co. by Virginia Hadley (Youth Services)

Theresa Faris, librarian in the Youth Services Division, will have worked for the City of Round Rock for 9 years this July. She is originally from Wisconsin where she grew up on a dairy farm and is the youngest of 7 children. She attend the University of Wisconsin in Madison. After she and her husband moved to Texas, she completed her Masters of Li-

brary Science from UT. After receiving her MLS, she worked at the Temple Public Library for 2 years. Theresa does Toddler-time and performs other duties such as all the collection development for board books, Easy & Easy Reader collections. Right now she is busy in preparation for the Summer Reading Program. She and her husband have 2 sons, Ryan and Alex.

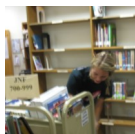


Theresa Faris, Youth Services Librarian

This & That by Tricia Brauer (Volunteer Coordinator)

Did you know that in 2009, we had almost 6700 volunteer hours which is almost 3.5 FTE? It is no wonder that "We Treasure Our Volunteers" You are a large part of what makes this library a great resource for our community.

National Volunteer Week falls in April and this year we moved our annual volunteer Luncheon to April to coincide with this event. Virginia headed up the team that put together this event. It was a bit of a challenge to pull this off; what with budget cuts, and the overwhelming time consumption that the RFID conversion project has dominated



staff over the past month. But, those of us who worked on this had such fun and we greatly enjoyed seeing the results. We cannot possibly express what a treasure all of you are to us!

The bulletin boards are finally starting to look like we'd envisioned what with notices going up. We still have a large blank area on the right-hand side on the downstairs board. Keep checking to see what we plan on doing with that area. Candy got some nice metal strips to hold the volunteer badges so the generic ones are readily available for use by all.

The newsletter will come out quarterly and

will feature news, staff and volunteer profiles, tips, and more. Look for it in your email, on our website or around the library. Thanks to all the staff who con-



Candy



Mary



Virginia



Tricia



Rehana

Save the Dates by Eric Towler (Public Services)

During the entire month of May, visit the "Recuerdos" photography exhibit at the Round Rock Public Library. The exhibit celebrates Hispanic heritage in Williamson County. There will also be a special reception for this exhibit on Saturday, **May 8 at 11:45AM.**

May 4, 2:00pm– 3:30pm & 7:00pm–8:30pm —

Join us for our Adult Book Club featuring *Blindness* by José Saramago. Access to the discussion will be possible to the public from the meeting room doors off of Liberty Street.



May 8, 10:00am–12:00pm — Feliz Dia de Las Madres—Join us in the "Green Space" across from the Round Rock Public Library for this festive Mother's Day celebration with performances by a the Stony Point High School Mariachi band, the Orff Instrument Ensemble and Ballet Folklorica. At **11:45am** join us in the Library to formally kick off the gallery exhibit.

May 15, 10:00am-2:00pm — Come out to the boat regatta at Old Settlers Park and join us as we cheer on staff and teen volunteers as they proudly paddle their cardboard boat at the. Do they make the

course, win a prize (again) or sink and swim?

May 15, 2:00pm–3:30pm — Book Signing Party— Join us for this event and meet local authors: Tony Carvajal, Joan Upton Hall, Sheila Morataya, Pflugerville History Diggers, Sherry Thomas, and Tracy Wolff.

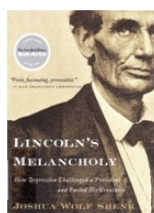
May 17, 1:00pm — Discussion with Counterterrorism Expert, Fred Burton, at La Frontera Barnes & Noble. Burton, who will discuss his book: *Ghost: Confessions of a Counterterrorism Agent*, will also answer questions.

May 13, 7:30pm — Williamson County Genealogical Society meeting at the library.

May 15, 2:00pm–2:00pm— Meet Chris Barton author of *Shark Vs. Train*. There will be Q&A and book signing afterwards. Books will be available for purchase.

May 22, 2:00pm —The Sunshine Generation kids will sing and dance at the library.

June 1, 2:00pm–3:30pm & 7:00pm–8:30pm — Join us for our Adult Book Club featuring *Lincoln's Melancholy: How Depression Challenged a President and Fueled His Greatness* by



Joshua Shenk. Access to the discussion will be possible to the public from the meeting room doors off of Liberty Street.

June 1 - June 5 — Scholastic Book Fair, check calendar for hours.

June 9, SUMMER READING PROGRAM starts. Stay tuned for details!

July 4, time to be announced.— Fourth of July Parade featuring the Round Rock Public Library's annual float. What will the theme be this year? Come and find out!

July 6, 2:00pm– 3:30pm & 7:00pm–8:30pm —

Join us for our Adult Book Club featuring *The White Tiger* by Aravind Adiga. Access to the discussion will be possible to the public from the meeting room doors off of Liberty Street.



Please visit our website at: www.roundrocktexas.gov/library

for details on all these events and more exciting events including: Joe McDermott; Wild Goose Chase Puppet Theater; Lucas Miller, Dinosaur George, Schave and Reilly and Mr. Puppet.

RFID: The Seventh Inning Stretch

by David Sharp (Public Services)

Oh, we get by with a little help from our friends; and no small thanks to our many friends and volunteers who have put in hours tagging, scanning and checking in books during the past month. Your contributions of time and effort have put the end of the RFID conversion within grasp at the Round Rock Library. Together, we have persevered through much. From the first week of conversion when we were making progress by the millimeter in the Easy shelves, to the second week when we tagged nearly a fifth of the library collection in the check-in room, into the third and fourth weeks when we all began to forget there was ever a day we didn't tag- we have pressed forward in our endeavor.

Laborious though it has been, I hope you have indulged yourself as I have in watching as patrons react to the new system as though they have just seen a magic trick. (One of

these days, we should rig a white rabbit to pop out of a self check machine, just to see what happens.) One of our top demographics, mothers of young children, can now check out stack by stack in a fraction of the time it used to take. This is no small benefit to parents juggling 2-year-olds. Staff has begun to see the benefits at check-in as they are now better equipped to handle floods of returning materials from our growing circulation. I, for one, have already begun to answer several more reference questions than I had before at the desk. Of course, it's not as if the questions weren't always there, but daunting lines no longer push them away.

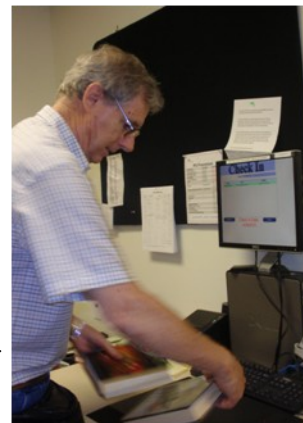


Jan Redden deep in Nonfiction

With taggers finally making their way through Adult Nonfiction, a light has begun to show at the end of the tunnel. It may yet be weeks before we make it to the 'Encyclopedia of the Antarctic' at 998.9 ENC, and we appreciate and rely upon the

continued efforts of our volunteers and staff alike. There are also some few categories that will not be tagged until after the non-fiction. Chief among these are adult

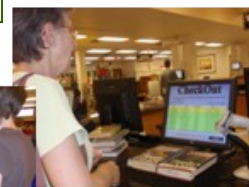
magazines *Dave Fitzpatrick at new check in* and the Genealogy collection. However, the end of nonfiction is the major landmark as it indicates the fully tagged state of the major circulating collection. So sing a round of 'take me out to the ballgame' and wave down the guy hocking hot dogs 'cause the brunt of it is now behind us.



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RESULTS

"Fantastic"



"I love technology!"



Ericka and David — scanning, scanning...

Por Favor

RFID tagging — With the majority of Adult Nonfiction, Genealogy and Oversize collection still to go, we need volunteers to help us knock this project out of the ball park. So please contact a staff member if you are interested in helping; or if you know anyone who might be interested in helping. This can be a 'special project' volunteer opportunity for individuals or groups on a limited basis if they so desire.

Email addresses — These tend to change

and when we originally started volunteer applications, email address were not something we requested. Please make sure that we have your current address so that we can send you a copy of this newsletter, party invitations and general announcements related to the Library or the City. We promise to keep them at a minimum and not to share than with any outside organizations.

Birthdays — Like email address, we didn't always request these. We'd like to have

yours in order to recognize you on your special day. We don't need the year, but month and day would be nice.

Contributions We'd like to invite you to share things that may be of interest to other volunteers such announcements or community events. Please forward such items to me and they may end up on the bulletin boards or in the newsletter.

Tips and Tricks by Chip Hadley (Public Services)

Fiction Filing:

Fiction books, juvenile, YA and adult, unlike the Easy collections are filed alphabetically by the author's name. What you might not know is that books by the same author are then filed alphabetically by title. This helps us and patrons locate the book when we are searching for a particular title.

Here we see some books by husband and wife Jonathan and Faye Kellerman. Alphabetically, Faye's books come first on

the shelf. Then, Jonathan's books are shelved. Notice that within the author, each book is shelved alphabetically by title.



TIP: It is easier to shelve off of a correctly ordered cart, so take a minute to check your cart before you leave the back room.



The public doesn't pay as much attention as we do so, quite often we have to fix the books as we shelve. Thanks for helping them help themselves.

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"For one who reads, there is no limit to the number of lives that may be lived, for fiction, biography, and history offer an inexhaustible number of lives in many parts of the world, in all periods of time."

~Louis L'Amour

Please contact us if you have any questions or suggestions.

If you are scheduled to volunteer and must miss your time, please call your assigned supervisor to let them know.

Thank you for all the wonderful work you do!
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